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AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing healthcare information and treatment options for a previously diagnosed condition of a particular healthcare consumer, said method comprising the steps of:

without involving a medical professional:

providing, to the particular healthcare consumer, information relating to said previously diagnosed condition from at least one database, said information comprising, with respect to treating the previously diagnosed condition in other healthcare consumers, for each of a plurality of healthcare providers, a measure of the healthcare provider's charges and a measure of the healthcare provider's quality;
receiving, from the particular healthcare consumer, a plurality of criteria related to selecting a desired healthcare provider to treat the previously diagnosed condition;
and

identifying, to the particular healthcare consumer, treatment options for said previously diagnosed condition, said identified treatment options comprising a listing of the plurality of healthcare providers ranked according to one or more of the prioritized criteria.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of correlating the identified treatment options with demographic data.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of correlating the identified treatment options with the plurality of criteria, the plurality of criteria selected and ranked criteria by the particular healthcare consumer.

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4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating said at least one database.

5 - 12. (cancelled)